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DISTRICT MEETINGS

1927

| Place | Chairman | Secretary | Date |
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| Bedford | Minta E. Stone | Erma Cox, Martinsville | Thursday, March 31 |
| West Lafayette | Mrs. Eva Dickey | Mable L. Deeds, Oxford | Thursday, April 7 |
| Marion | Daisy Springer | Mrs. Inez Wilson, Warren | Thursday, April 14 |
| Greensburg | Mrs. Ida Ewing | Bertha Bowlby, Shelbyville | Thursday, April 21 |
| Lebanon | Mrs. Cora Bynum | Lulu M. Miesse, Noblesville | Tuesday, April 26 |
| Cambridge City | Nellie L. Jones | Vernie Baldwin, Greenfield | Thursday, April 28 |
| Brazil | Mrs. Gerna Gunnison | Esther Rohner, Clinton | Tuesday, May 10 |
| Boonville | Mrs. Anna Isley | Mrs. Anna Allen, Newburgh | Thursday, May 12 |
| Ligonier | Mrs. Lena Stansbury | Mrs. Anne Metzger, South Whitley | Tuesday, May 17 |
| Plymouth | Jane B. Aspinall | Miriam Netter, Warsaw | Wednesday, May 18 |
| East Chicago | Frank H. Whitmore | Hazel F. Long, Whiting | Friday, May 20 |

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JUNE 13—JULY 29, 1927

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INDIANA LIBRARY TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION
(18th Annual Conference)

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

DECEMBER 9, 10, 11, 1926

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, 10:30. The Executive Board of the Indiana Library Association held an informal business meeting Thursday morning, December 9th, at 10:30.

Those present were: Miss Nellie M. Coats, President; Miss Carrie E. Scott, President preceding term; Miss Ethel G. Baker, Secretary and Miss Katherine Frazee, Treasurer.

Incorporation Papers

The advisability of the Association taking out incorporation papers was discussed and Miss Scott made a motion which was duly seconded, that, subject to the approval of the I. L. A. this association incorporate, having as its board of directors, the Executive Board of the Association. Motion was carried. The Secretary was instructed to take care of the matter and to ask Charles E. Rush to present the matter at the business session of the Association, Saturday morning.

Honorary Membership

The idea of extending honorary membership to Indiana people who have given generously toward the erection of library buildings was informally discussed. Miss Scott made a motion, which was duly seconded, that we bring to the attention of the Association the matter of bestowing honorary membership upon S. G. Peabody

of Columbia City and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Wells of Indianapolis, who have made gifts of sites and have erected buildings for library purposes. The motion was carried and the Secretary was instructed to ask Miss Mary Torrance to present the subject at the business session on Saturday morning.

The following committees were appointed by the President: Nominating Committee: Alice D. Stevens, Virginia M. Tutt and Bertha Bowlby. Auditing Committee: Mayme C. Snipes and Arthur Cunningham. Resolutions Committee (joint with the I. L. T. A.) Lulu M. Miesse and Grace Stingly.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Ethel G. Baker, Secretary

Joint Session

Thursday, 2 P. M. The Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees Association opened the joint conference of the organizations with a general session in the Travertine Room of the Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis, Thursday afternoon, December 9th, Mrs. W. R. Davidson, President of the I. L. T. A. presided and introduced Professor Francis Calvin Tilden of DePauw.

Professor Francis Calvin Tilden

Professor Tilden's lecture "Young people and modern literature" was filled with

thoughts well worth the librarian's future consideration and application. While the speaker did not attempt to solve the question of the type of reading the youth of today should pursue, he did tell the three hundred or more assembled that if we wish to read intelligently the majority of novels printed today we must know psychology. He also said that in guiding the reading of the 15 to 20 year old group of young people the teacher's and librarian's greatest difficulty lies in the realm of fiction. Prof. Tilden told us that boys of today read the Oliver Opties and books of that standard with a smile, and that the books they are now reading are emotionally stimulating to people twenty years their seniors. He felt that in much of the literature of today there is a tendency to overestimate the primitive, that the stimulation derived from constantly reading such books, creates the idea of courage but neglects the idea of moral courage. Prof. Tilden presented the question: "How are we to decide what is good and what is bad?" He declared it to be a serious question and one which should be faced by both the librarian and the teacher.

Miss Jessie Van Cleve

Mrs. Davidson then introduced Miss Jessie Van Cleve of the A. L. A. Booklist, who is always a welcome visitor in library circles, and in her usual happy manner Miss Van Cleve spoke upon the topic "Children's books." She told us that work with children has at last earned the place it should have and that the children's rooms are forming the background for future reading, "the child even gets the book he does not know he wants." Miss Van Cleve mentioned that the 1904 A. L. A. Catalog did not contain a single book dealing with child training but that the A. L. A. Catalog, recently issued, shows that books dealing with the child and his habit of reading, are receiving due recognition. Miss Van Cleve commented enthusiastically upon the following books: Darwin, Tale of Mr. Tootleoo;

Liddell, Little machinery; Henderson, Children of the tide; Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh; Lustig, Roses of the winds; Skinner, White leader; Stuart, Boy through the ages; White, Snake gold; Putnam, David goes to Greenland; Neusbaum, Deric in Mesa Verde; Rawson, Boy's eye view of the Arctic; Conkling, Poems; De Kruif, Microbe hunters; Gerbault, Fight of the Firecrest; Cendrars, Sutter's gold; Morshead, Everybody's Pepys; McIntyre, Shot towers; Field, Taxis and toadstools; Whiteman, Stories to tell to children. (Titles listed in order given by Miss Van Cleve.)

Miss Ernestine Bradford

Miss Ernestine Bradford was introduced by the President and in an interesting manner outlined the service now rendered at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital. Miss Bradford said that by referring to the "mental case records" she is able to judge and guide the reading of the children. She told of instances which illustrate how much children appreciate the library and how much real joy the books bring to the children confined there.

Banquet

Thursday, 6:30 P. M. The annual banquet was held Thursday evening in the Travertine Room, Mrs. Davidson presiding. Professor Charles F. Hansen of Indianapolis entertained during the dinner hour with selections on the pipe organ and was enthusiastically received. "Indiana Verse and Comment" was the subject assigned the after dinner speakers and William Herschell delighted his audience with several of his poems and characteristic comments upon them. Mrs. Francis C. Tilden gave three pleasing selections from her recently published collection of poems "Quest and Acceptance," and Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb made appropriate "Comments" by praising Indiana librarians for their valuable contributions in collecting Indiana history and said she was "wishing a wish on librarians"—

the importance of preserving our state's history and felt that she was not putting her trust in the wrong place. Mrs. John R. Mitchell, whose book "Gray Moon Tales" was published this fall, spoke of the stories, which were told by negro mammies, as belonging to a phase of American folk-lore and said that the tales retold in her book had been inspired by the mammies she had known. Some of Mrs. Mitchell's stories were then delightfully given by Mrs. W. D. Long, of Indianapolis. The evening closed with a clever play "Exit Miss Lizzie Cox" written by Miss Boyd, Assistant Professor of Library Economy, University of Illinois, presented by the Staff of the Indianapolis Public Library.

Joint Session

Friday 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. Miss Nellie M. Coats, President of the I. L. A. presided at the general session held in the Travertine Room Friday morning. The first part of the meeting was given over to round table discussions of the subjects "Financing a Library Building" and "Why do we not have more county libraries?"

E. L. Craig led the first discussion by telling from actual experience how his library board had wanted to buy a certain building in Evansville, and, because the board was unable to issue bonds, an individual had purchased the property, making the bank the trustee, and then deeded it to the Evansville Library Board.

Louis J. Bailey, Director of the Indiana State Library led the discussion regarding county libraries. Mr. Bailey said that this year is the 25th anniversary of the establishment of a county library at Van Wert, Ohio, the first county library to be organized. He quoted statistics showing that California has county libraries in 42 out of 58 counties, while Indiana has 13 out of 90, only two thirds of Indiana's population now having access to public library service. Some of the questions Mr. Bailey asked were: "Are librarians afraid it will inter-

fere with present libraries?" He replied that in place of losing "our jobs" county libraries would give us greater possibilities. "Is it because there are three or four towns in one county and because county seats feel it will hurt business?" In both cases Mr. Bailey stated that it would create local unity. "Are we satisfied with things as they are?" "What can we do?" Mr. Bailey felt that by agitating the question, by making it a matter of discussion at district meetings, by presenting the question to women's clubs, and by making library centers desirable to all, we could educate the people to the need of county libraries. His conclusion was "it is purely a psychological matter."

Miss Coats introduced Ross F. Lockridge, well known as a speaker and writer of Indiana history. Mr. Lockridge made a plea for interest in the George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial, which will be held in 1929. He told of Clark's connection with Indiana and declared him to be a Hoosier hero, whom the Indians loved and we should honor in this state.

Frank K. Walter, librarian of the University of Minnesota, was introduced by the President. Mr. Walter spoke upon "Certification" and prefaced his remarks by saying there were two things he wanted to make clear, first, he was not telling the association all about certification, nor was he trying to tell it what to do in regard to the matter. He confessed he could not draw up a definition of what certification really is, it is pretty closely bound up with standardization—which Mr. Walter explained is an "attempt to get persons qualified to do a more or less definite grade of work. This does not mean so much an effort at putting the librarian in a straight jacket, as it does putting on a sort of pure-food label of information to enable the public to judge whether or not they are getting what they are paying for." Mr. Walter indicated that in a democracy, publically supported institutions are responsible to their public, but

he qualified this remark by saying, this could lead to meddling just as the reverse could lead to autocracy. He declared the right of any institution to continuous existence depends entirely upon its doing what it is expected to do, the institutions are expected to develop and the public has a right to set standards for their functioning. He gave the budget system as an example of our government's attempt to standardize the efficiency of publicly supported institutions.

By mentioning the diplomas of the High School graduate and the physician just starting to practice, the license of the teacher and the barber, also the certificate of the food inspector, Mr. Walter illustrated his point that certification is not a new thing, nor a question of the public's right to insist upon it, but rather he declared it is a question "whether we want it or not."

All certification, Mr. Walter said, is at the bottom a protection against incompetence. Physicians, dentists, and barbers affect public and personal health; teachers affect the intellectual future of the commonwealth, while lawyers and certified accountants affect the stability of property rights. Therefore, Mr. Walter claimed, if librarians are a part of the educational system, it seemed illogical that they should escape all this supervision. He outlined the development of the school system and showed that the library and the work of the librarian have advanced in the same way.

In summing up the standards for library efficiency, the speaker included both the "educational" and the "personal" qualities. Of the former he said "we must remember we are still in a period of transition. High school, college and professional school attendance has jumped terrifically, college graduation now does not mean as much, from a point of equivalent as a high school graduation did 25 or 30 years ago. To require a fair amount of education from people who are just starting is only reasonable, but there are a number of people

of considerable training and background whose claim to competency must be considered." In regard to the "personal" quality, Mr. Walter said "It is hard to determine but extremely important." He felt that the art of "bringing people and books together could be developed but could never be taught, that education and culture are two different things." "Any good scheme of certification," Mr. Walter said, "will give a place to personality as shown by past performance and impressions of competent references and experience." The speaker felt that certification should be conducted by the unit which is responsible generally for library matters, it should recognize various types of library work and fix tests suited to them. It should also consider facilities for professional training and improvement.

Any scheme of this kind, Mr. Walter said, should as soon as possible, be required of all publicly supported libraries. There are two types of certification, he declared, the voluntary method and the required. Mr. Walter believes firmly in the voluntary method and concluded his remarks by saying "Certification may not come in six months, two years, or even five; it should be a process of evolution instead of revolution. It is not a case of turning people out but of getting better service from the people who are in."

Certification bill—William M. Hepburn

The proposed Certification Bill was then read by William M. Hepburn, chairman of the Legislative Committee. Following the reading of the bill Mr. Hepburn stated that the Association and the committee had no ulterior motive in bringing forth a certification bill and said that if it had any purpose at all, that purpose was the protection of the profession as Mr. Walter had brought out.

"There are standards applied in the selection of Librarians," Mr. Hepburn said, "the only difficulty is that the standards are not

universally observed and the purpose of the proposed legislation is to advance the standards that already exist." Mr. Hepburn said that the committee was of the opinion that the Indiana Library Association believed that certification of some kind was the correct thing and then explained the bill, section by section as follows:

Section 1 relates to the appointment of the certification board.

Section 2 has several sub-sections prescribing the authority of the board.

Section 3 makes it unlawful for a Board of Library Trustees to appoint as head librarian or head of any department or branch, any person who does not hold a certificate in accordance with the regulations of the Board.

Section 4 is the section which permits a person to apply for examination and provides the fee which may be levied for that purpose.

Section 5 states that a certificate shall be granted the applicant if found competent.

Section 6 gives the Board authority to grant certificates without examination to those already in service, who have had training, experience and other necessary qualifications.

Section 7 elaborates the procedure by which certificates are granted.

Section 8 makes it possible for the Board to grant certificates to assistants, that is, those who are in positions could then become head librarians, heads of departments or branches.

Section 9 grants power to the Board to grant certificates to librarians in private library service, providing persons applying to the Board are competent.

Section 10 provides for the exchange of certificates with other states having certification laws.

Section 11 provides for the revoking of a certificate when necessary.

Section 12 protects the status of those now in library service or who are in service prior to January 1929.

Section 13 provides that funds collected

under the bill may, under regulations of the Board be used for expenses of the board under state budget law.

The chairman concluded his remarks with the statement that the question was "whether or not the librarians of Indiana favored this kind of law or did they see objections to it."

Discussion of Certification Bill

Both the trustees and librarians took part in the short discussion which followed. One trustee asked if schools would be established in this state where proper instruction could be obtained. The chairman replied that the two things were more or less tied together and stated that if provision were made, some would still prefer to go outside. He pointed out that the law under which the Indiana Library and Historical Department is organized authorizes the Board to give library instruction, so the possibility is there, whether the Board is ready to act or not. Another member of the Legislative Committee called attention to the fact that the rule is compulsory only to heads of libraries and those appointed after January 1929. An assistant librarian asked if anyone wanted to secure a certificate to make him eligible to the position as head of a department, providing his qualifications were such as he could apply, would he by being "certified" be in line for an appointment. Mr. Hepburn gave an affirmative reply. Some trustees questioned what the "board" would decide were "qualifications" and if the proposed bill provided for experience and personality; if so, would these qualifications be determined by casual visits from members of the "board," or would the opinion of the community be considered in regard to the qualifications of its librarian. Mr. Hepburn stated that the only time anyone would be affected would be in case someone wished to be taken from one library to another, depending upon the position she might wish to take. The fact that the Board of Trust-

ees would have the same power of selection they now have was commented upon and members of the Legislative Committee claimed that in the minds of the committee the bill did not provide for standardization of salaries, but that salaries would advance as standards went up. Another librarian said we can not tell what will happen in the next five or six years but felt sure that certification will have a good effect on the taxing unit. Miss Ahern, Editor of "Libraries," said "When the subject of Certification first came up, some ten or twelve years ago, we had so many remedies for the thing that was not really the matter with us. We then needed to give our attention to something that really mattered. Except for one or two little things, that are merely form, I think this bill is one of the best certification bills I have seen." Miss Ahern believed the bill a bit too long to go into the Indiana Legislature and felt if it were condensed it would be given more attention.

Historical Society Luncheon

Friday 12:00. The Indiana Historical Association held an enjoyable noon luncheon at the Claypool Hotel, which was open to the trustees and librarians. Many members of the two associations attended, delighted to have an opportunity of associating with this group, actively engaged in preserving Indiana history.

Historical Session—Visit to Branches and

Tea—John Herron Art Institute

Friday 2:30 P. M. Following the luncheon the Historical Conference session was open to the visiting associations and a number heard talks given by Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan and F. M. Hohenberger. Other librarians and trustees visited the Indianapolis Public Library Branches and late in the afternoon attended a tea and reception held at the John Herron Art Institute, where the paintings of the late T. C. Steele were exhibited.

Joint Session

I. L. A.—I. L. T. A. and I. H. A.

Friday 8:00 P. M. Dr. William P. Dear-
ing of Oakland City College presided at the evening meeting and introduced to the three associations and their friends Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer.

Mr. Sandburg gave a very interesting account of "Lincoln Biographies." He mentioned that there have been 2700 books written about Abraham Lincoln, and that, excepting Napoleon, no man in the world's history has had so many books written about him. He told of the wealth of material still unpublished and mentioned a speech, only recently found, which was in a way a forecast of Lincoln's first inaugural address and the Gettysburg speech. Mr. Sandburg declared he had found "Abraham Lincoln the most companionable character in the world's history" and in his characteristic style the biographer read parts of Chapter 137 of his life of Lincoln, concluding the evening's program by reading several of his poems and by singing a group of southern folk-songs.

I. L. A. Business Session

Saturday 9:00 A. M. The final session of the I. L. A. was devoted to the business transactions of the association, Miss Coats, President, presided.

The Treasurer, Miss Katherine Frazee, read her report and upon her recommendation the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the Secretary's Records. (See final report at end of minutes.)

Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee reported as follows: "The Auditing Committee examined the books of the Treasurer and found them correct."

(Signed) Mayme C. Snipes
Arthur Cunningham

The report was accepted.

Educational Committee

Miss Barcus Tichenor, Chairman of the Educational Committee, presented the following report, which upon motion was accepted.

The work of the Educational Committee of the Indiana Library Association has not been clearly defined. The Education Committee of the American Library Association has laid down some excellent objectives which the state committees have been urged to use so far as possible. Many of these objectives center around introducing and extending the use of libraries in schools. The following is a list of eight of them:

1. Standards for school and library co-operation.
2. Standards for school libraries.
3. Status of school libraries raised to enable librarians to draw the same salaries as teachers of equal education and professional training.
4. State aid for school libraries.
5. Removal of co-operating Library Commissions and State Departments of Education from political influence.
6. Inclusion of lessons on the use of the library in school courses of study.
7. Appointment of an Education Committee by each state association.
8. Appointment of a supervisor of school libraries in each state.

Unquestionably all of them are suggestions which would be highly commendable for us to adopt, but, equally unquestionably, all of them are suggestions which would be difficult to carry out.

With these objectives in mind it might be well to review the school situation in Indiana. The present situation with reference to instruction in the use of books and libraries in the schools of the state was taken up by the state Education Committee of last year and was reported in the January-April 1926 issue of the "Occurrent." It is not an encouraging report, if you remember it. Very little is being done along this line in grades, high schools, or colleges.

Very little can be done until the schools of our state are more uniformly supplied with good working libraries and especially with library school trained librarians. Our present situation in this regard is rather interesting. Twenty out of a list of forty of the larger high schools of the state have libraries presided over by people with some library training. Nine of the people have been in a regular library school and the others took the Public Library Commission Summer School course or were in the training class in a public library system. Several of the high schools have no librarian because the co-operation between the school and the public library is such that one is not needed. We may say here that several people who are authorities feel that in many small places the use of a public library is preferable to the organization of a school library unless it works too great a hardship on the librarian of the public library. Out of a list of nineteen institutions of higher learning in the state only nine are in charge of librarians who have had library training of any kind other than experience. However, in at least three of the cases where the librarian has no library school training, there are assistants who have had it. Among the libraries in parochial schools and institutions other than regular schools almost no trained librarians are to be found.

Just at present we have no Supervisor of School Libraries in the state. We do have, however, a State Librarian who is wide awake to the situation and who appreciates our needs. Mr. Bailey has taken over his office very recently and two of the first of his new problems were to face the fact that the 1925 legislature had made a great slash in the salary budget and to meet a new and entirely unperfected organization in the creation of the State Library and Historical Department.

The State Board of Education has set up some standards for high schools which will help bring about better conditions in school libraries. It has stated that schools with enrollments of 200 or fewer pupils

should have working libraries of ten volumes per pupil; that schools with enrollments of 200 to 500 pupils should have working libraries of 2,000 to 3,000 volumes; and that schools with enrollments of 500 to 1,000 should have libraries of 3,000 to 8,000 volumes. The State Board provides further that until the above standards are reached a minimum of \$1.75 per pupil per year should be appropriated for books alone and that not less than \$20 per year should be appropriated for magazines. Further the State Board of regulations provide that:

"After minimum standards are reached, a minimum appropriation of 75 cents per year per pupil should be made for books and magazines in schools with enrollment up to 500 pupils. In schools of 500 to 1,000 pupils \$375 to \$500 per year should be appropriated. In schools of 1,000 to 3,000 pupils, from \$500 to \$1,000 per year should be appropriated." (Ind. High School Standards, page 17.)

With regard to the Librarian the State Board says:

"A full time librarian with an amount of training including one year of professional training in an accredited school for librarians equal to that required for teachers in the high school is the ideal. In the larger schools this ideal should be realized, but in the smaller schools teacher-librarians will be necessary. To qualify for this work she should have at least a six weeks' course of training in a summer library school or its equivalent.

"When the library is under the supervision of a teacher, her daily schedule should be definitely arranged so that she may have regular hours in the library. She should then train one or more pupils to assist her in order that the library may function throughout the school year." (Ind. High School Standards, page 17.)

When these things come to pass the schools of the state will be able to take care of instruction in use of books and libraries quite adequately. Therefore, it is

our duty to make them come to pass as far as we can. How shall we do it?

Committee: Barcus Tichenor, Chairman
Estelle Wolf
Sylvia Oakley
Catherine Bailey
Della F. Northey

District meetings

Miss Hazel B. Warren, Chief of the State Library Extension Division, read her report on District Meetings, which upon her motion was accepted. Miss Warren also requested a larger attendance at the 1927 District Meetings. The report:

Owing to the small staff of the Extension Division of the Indiana State Library, the Indiana Library Association accepted the responsibility of arranging and sponsoring the district meetings of 1926. The staff of the Extension Division, however, helped the librarians make out programs in three districts and a representative of the staff attended four meetings.

The districts were larger this year than usual, and I think that is the reason they were not so well attended. The distances some librarians had to go, and poor connections, kept many from going. A meeting at Muncie was planned but the response from librarians was so poor that Miss Torrance decided it would not pay to have the meeting. No meeting was held in the southeastern part of the state. It was impossible—in the short time allowed for arrangements—to find any librarian who was willing, or who could assume the responsibility. Meetings were held at the following places.

Bloomington, May 7, with Miss Bertha Ashby, librarian, as chairman and hostess, and Miss Mary Lamb, librarian of the Bloomfield public library as secretary.

Evansville, March 31, with Miss Ethel McCollough, librarian, as chairman and hostess, and Miss Lola Nolte, librarian

of the Mount Vernon public library as secretary.

Frankfort, May 14, with Miss Edith Thompson, librarian, as chairman and hostess, and Miss Ruth Cox, librarian of the Thorntown public library as secretary.

Columbia City, May 13, with Miss Mayme Snipes, librarian, as chairman and hostess, and Miss Ethel Baker, assistant librarian of the South Bend public library as secretary.

Noblesville, May 12, with Miss Lulu Miesse, librarian, as chairman and hostess, and Miss Eunice Henley, Indiana State Library, as secretary.

South Bend, May 11, with Miss Virginia M. Tutt, librarian, as chairman and hostess, and Miss Orpha M. Peters, assistant librarian of Gary public library, as secretary.

The southwestern district decided at their meeting to hold another one in the fall, and on November 17, a meeting was held at Princeton, with Miss Julia Mason, librarian, as chairman and hostess, and Miss Ruth Latshaw, Evansville public library, as secretary.

Riley Hospital Report

Mr. Rush reported that the Riley Hospital Fund is in the hands of the trustees, not one cent having been expended except the small amount of income; the whole amount is preserved as a memorial fund. Mr. Rush stated that the money was originally intended for immediate expenditure, but through timely assistance from other directions it was possible to lay aside the entire sum and use only the annual income for the purchase of material. He asked that the Association try to interest friends all over the state in adding to the fund, looking forward to the time when the Indianapolis public library can supply a regular librarian and hoping that the Riley hospital library will eventually be the most important feature of that building. Upon motion Mr. Rush's report was accepted as given.

Amendments to the Constitution

The Secretary read the proposed amendment to the Constitution, which changes the wording of Section Seven from "Secretary of the Commission" to "director of the Indiana State Library." Upon motion this change was unanimously accepted.

Articles of Incorporation

Upon motion of Mr. Rush, duly seconded, it was voted that the officers of the Association be authorized to file articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State.

Library Building Committee

Mr. Bailey, as chairman of the Library Building Committee, reported exceedingly crowded conditions at the State Library, and that the State Library Board had voted to go ahead and ask the Legislature for a small tax for two years for this purpose. Mr. Bailey also discussed the advisability of Indiana having a library school which could give complete training. He asked the assistance of the membership in bringing before their legislators the matter of a new library building, and pointed out the fact that it was not an Indianapolis movement, but one that would benefit the people of the entire state. Mr. Bailey's report was accepted upon recommendation.

Certification Bill

Mr. Hepburn as chairman of the Legislative committee, presented for final discussion and vote the Certification Bill, and also spoke in favor of active support of the new State Library Building. He moved, on behalf of the Committee, that the Certification Bill be adopted and that the Executive Officers be instructed to present it to the Legislature in January and if possible secure its passage. Mr. Rush seconded the motion. Before the matter was put to a vote Miss Scott reported that the bill had been recommended by the Indiana Library Trustees Association. The vote was by ballot, the tellers reporting the following result: Ayes

92; Noes 10. The bill was thereupon declared accepted by the Association.

Honorary Membership

Miss Scott, as a member of the Executive Board, spoke of the clause in the constitution which states that persons who have rendered important service to library interests in the state, and are not actively identified with library work, may be elected to honorary membership in the Association. Because of their gifts and their interest in library work Mr. S. J. Peabody of Columbia City and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Wells of Indianapolis were elected by unanimous vote to honorably membership in the I. L. A.

Scholarship Committee

Miss McCollough reported that the Scholarship Committee had decided it would be better to make the fund a "loan fund" rather than a "scholarship," the object to be to give financial assistance to such members of the Association as have given evidence of possessing sufficient talent for library work; that the loan fund should be administered by a committee, consisting of the President of the I. L. A. during her term of office and for one year thereafter, the Director of the State Library, and three other members to be elected annually from the membership of the I. L. A. The committee is, in turn, to elect a chairman, secretary and treasurer and to receive and be responsible for all money paid into the loan fund, to receive and act upon all applications for loans and at the time of the annual business meeting of the Association to render an account in writing of all money received and loaned. Further, that the money may be loaned only to members who have had twelve months library experience in the state of Indiana; that the applicant may borrow not to exceed \$500, to be paid in two equal installments, September and January, the application to be made in writing three months before the loan is needed and interest to be charged at the rate of 6% from the date of the

loan. Any member of the I. L. A. borrowing from this fund to sign an agreement to repay the loan as soon as possible, with interest at 6% beginning one year from date of the loan: that the fund be deposited in a savings bank drawing at least 3% interest. The auditors appointed to examine the books of the I. L. A. shall also examine the accounts of the loan fund. This report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Nominating Committee

Miss Alice D. Stevens, Chairman of the Nominating Committee gave the following report: "The Nominating Committee submits the following names for officers of the Indiana Library Association for the ensuing year:

President, William J. Hamilton, Gary
Vice Pres., Ella F. Corwin, Elkhart
Secretary, Ruth Bean, Evansville
Treasurer, Evangeline Lewis, Pendleton

(Signed) Alice D. Stevens
Bertha Bowlby
Virginia M. Tutt

Miss Stevens moved that the report be adopted by unanimous vote. The above named members were thereupon declared the officers of the Association for the next term.

Report of the Resolutions Committee of the I. L. A. and the I. L. T. A.

The report of the Resolutions Committee of the I. L. A. and the I. L. T. A. was read by Miss Grace Stingly, Chairman, who recommended its adoption. Motion carried.

Whereas, the meeting of the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees Association just ending has meant so much of pleasure, stimulus and practical suggestion to all the librarians and trustees present,

And, whereas, this happy result has been possible only by means of many hours of arduous and careful planning on the part of the local committee and by the officers and committees of the Association,

Therefore, be it resolved by these Associations in joint session that we express our grateful appreciation to the following:

To the Chamber of Commerce of Indianapolis for their assistance in registration;

To the management of the Hotel Lincoln for the use of space for registration and other convention purposes;

To the John Herron Art Institute for the exhibit and hospitality and also to the students of the Indiana College of Music for their entertainment;

To the Indiana Historical Conference for the invitation to share its program of Friday afternoon and enjoy its exhibits;

To Miss Winifred Ticer of the Democrat Printing Company for the gift of programs for the convention;

To Prof. Francis Calvin Tilden for his illuminating lecture;

To Miss Jessie Van Cleve for her able contribution to the program;

To Ross F. Lockridge for his presentation of the matter of the George Rogers Clark memorial;

To F. K. Walter for his excellent interpretation of certification;

To the following who added so much to the enjoyment of Thursday evening: William Herschell, Mrs. Francis C. Tilden, Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Mrs. John R. Mitchell, Mrs. W. D. Long, and the staff of the Indianapolis Public Library;

To William M. Hepburn as chairman and to the members of the Certification Committee, especially Miss Esther McNitt and Miss Jessie Boswell for their faithful and excellent services in formulating a bill to be presented at the next session of the Legislature;

Whereas, the State Library and Historical Department Board is asking the General Assembly to grant funds for a state library and historical building, and whereas, we the libraries throughout the state are the chief beneficiaries of the service given by this institution, depending on it for help in so many ways, and whereas, we know from investigation and experience the over-

crowded and hampering conditions of the library in its outgrown quarters;

Therefore, be it resolved that we the librarians and trustees heartily and fully indorse the action of the Library and Historical Board, and pledge ourselves, moreover, to use our best, active personal endeavor to present the matter to our representatives in the General Assembly, to the end that a State Library and Historical building, adequate and adapted to the service required, may be provided and erected.

Whereas, in the death of Demarchus C. Brown, the state has lost one of the ablest friends of library work and librarians,

Therefore, be it resolved that these Associations express their deepest regret and sympathy to Mrs. Brown, and, whereas, the library profession has suffered a loss in the death of Mrs. Alicia Barnes of Auburn, Mrs. Charlotte P. Crull of Gary and Mrs. L. M. Tweedy of Cambridge City,

Therefore, be it resolved that expressions of sympathy be sent relatives.

In submitting this report your committee on resolutions recommends its adoption. It further recommends that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Association and that the secretary of the Library Association send a notification of such to the individuals and groups mentioned in said report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lulu Miesse
Grace Stingly
Kathryn L. Wilson

Upon motion the business session adjourned.

General Session

Saturday 10:00 A. M. Following the business session the members of the I. L. T. A. joined the I. L. A. in the Travertine Room and listened to a very instructive lecture "Excavating prehistoric mounds" by J. Arthur MacLean of Toledo, Ohio.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Rush, who had been with Mr. MacLean last summer during his exploration of the mounds

in southern Indiana. Mr. MacLean said in reply that Mr. Rush had had the good fortune to find one of the most important "finds" of all, he had unearthed a needle; while at the same time the heavy fabric which no doubt had had needles used upon it, had been unearthed in Ohio. Mr. MacLean stated that last summer was the first time a systematic excavation had been carried on in this state and that the result of their work last summer will be published soon.

With illustrations on the blackboard, Mr. MacLean was able to describe very vividly the manner in which the Sullivan County mound was explored, the mound proving to be an Adena rather than a Hopwell mound, as it was at first supposed to be.

Mr. MacLean told us that a great many mounds have been explored in Indiana but no reports have been made and the material found either sold or distributed, and he hoped that this state will create some kind of legislation which will regulate the manner of future excavation.

In closing Mr. MacLean urged everyone who knows of localities where mounds are likely to be unearthed to remember the importance of supervised exploration and do everything to add to a better understanding of the subject, so that scientific research can be made and thus aid American archaeology.

Ethel G. Baker, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

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| Balance from 1925..... | \$75.90 |
| Membership dues | 342.00 |
| Handbook fund | 1.11 |
| Mr. Bailey for exhibits..... | 277.00 |
| I. L. T. A. part of expenses..... | .89.26 |
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| | \$785.27 |
| Expenditures | 575.18 |
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| Balance | \$210.09 |

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| Endowment fund | \$60.00 |
| General fund | 150.00 |
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| | \$210.09 |

(Signed) Katherine Frazee, Libn.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Business Meetings

The General Sessions of the Joint Conference of I. L. A. and I. L. T. A. having been ably reported by Miss Baker, Secretary of I. L. A., it is only necessary to give a brief statement of the business transacted by the latter at its separate business session, and to say that the meeting in all its aspects was a very enjoyable and profitable one to the trustees.

At the Executive Board meeting held at ten o'clock on December 9, there were present Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Charles Cassel and Mrs. J. F. Brenneman. The President, Mrs. Davidson, announced the following committees: Nominating—E. L. Craig, Mrs. L. A. Weinstein and Mrs. Charles Sansberry; Auditing—Charles Cassel and Mrs. W. A. Denny; Member on Joint Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Noble Wilson.

On December 11, at nine o'clock, a business session was held, presided over by Mrs. W. R. Davidson. After the reading and approval of the minutes and the Treasurer's report, the bills were read and allowed.

Miss Carrie Scott, representing the Board of Trustees of Mooresville Public Library, talked on the merits of the Certification Bill which the librarians propose having introduced at the next session of the State Legislature. Mr. Craig moved that the I. L. T. A. endorse the idea of a law requiring the certification of librarians of the State of Indiana, and that we ask the Indiana Legislature to pass such a law.

Mrs. Noble Wilson read the report of the Resolutions Committee, and Mr. Cassel the report of the Auditing Committee. The

Nominating Committee, by Mr. Craig, reported the following nominations: For President, Charles Cassel, Connersville; Vice-President, Mrs. L. A. Weinstein, Kendallville; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Brenneman, Columbia City. These officers were unanimously elected.

Mrs. Davidson announced the continuation of the present Legislative Committee, Judge Ora Wildermuth, Gary, and E. L. Craig, Evansville.

The following Executive Board was then chosen: Officers of I. L. T. A.; Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Evansville; Mrs. Ora T. Ross, Rensselaer; Mrs. Lynn Faulkner, Seymour, and Mrs. Fred Ruff, Evansville.

Mr. Craig suggested that we lend our efforts to the amending of the general library law of the State of Indiana so that libraries may have power to acquire real estate and issue evidence of indebtedness therefor; this suggestion was endorsed by those present.

Various other matters were discussed, appreciation of the benefits of this meeting were expressed, and the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. F. Brenneman,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NAMES OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE INDIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SINCE HANDBOOK WAS PUBLISHED)

- Alford, Thelma, Librarian, Public Library, Fortville
- Angle, Dorris, Junior Assistant, Public Library, Logansport
- Archer, Sadie, Assistant Librarian, Public Library, Princeton
- Barry, Miss K. E., Chivers Book Binding Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Becker, Mildred C., Public Library, Gary
- Bennett, Florence, Public Library, South Bend
- Berkepile, H. D., World Book Co., New York City
- Bledsoe, Hilda, Public Library, Terre Haute
- Boyd, Lois, Assistant, Loan Desk, Public Library, Gary
- Bravy, Nelle, Assistant Librarian, Public Library, Anderson
- Bunyan, Mrs. G. B., Librarian, Public Library, Kendallville
- Byrne, Paul R., Librarian, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame
- Caldwell, Bessie, Martinsville
- Caldwell, Ruth M., Assistant, Catalog Dept., Public Library, South Bend
- Cathcart, Hazel, Public Library, Scottsburg
- Chancellor, Josephine R., Public Library, Kokomo
- Cooper, Margaret, Librarian, Public Library, Linton
- Corya, Mrs. Norma, Librarian, Public Library, Brookville
- Curtis, A. E., Smith Book Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
- Davis, Alma, Librarian, High School Library, Columbus
- DeBeck, Fern, Reference Dept., State Library, Indianapolis
- Deniston, Sanna, Librarian, Public Library, Earl Park
- Dight, Frederick B., Library Book House, Springfield, Mass.
- Drew, Clara, Assistant, Public Library, Bluffton
- Dunham, Florence R., Assistant, Catalog Dept., Indiana University, Bloomington
- Edwards, Mildred, Public Library Kokomo
- Else, Eitel, Librarian, Bailey Branch, Gary
- Ferry, Mrs. E. H., Librarian, Public Library, Akron
- Foster, Mrs. Howard, Public Library, Hammond
- Francis, Vivian, Public Library, Hammond
- Gaddis, Florence, Assistant, Public Library, Thorntown
- Geddis, Beatrice, Librarian, Irvington Branch, Indianapolis
- Goodall, Harriet M., Children's Librarian, Public Library, Gary
- Gunterman, Bertha, Librarian, Longmans, Green & Co., New York City
- Haubursin, Mildred Clifford, Assistant, Public Library, Anderson
- Hauver, Leona B., Librarian, High School Library, Hammond

- Hitz, Vajen, Catalog Dept., State Library, Indianapolis
- Howell, Mrs. Anna S., Librarian, Lincoln School, Terre Haute
- Hughes, Ruth, Public Library, Gary
- Huston, Mrs. T. E., Librarian, Public Library, Waveland
- Ingling, Lois, Extension Dept., Public Library, Muncie
- Jessup, Norris E., Serial Clerk, State Library, Indianapolis
- Johnson, Catherine L., Public Library, Gary
- Johnson, Mrs. Margaret, Bindery Dept., Public Library, Indianapolis
- Jones, Nellie L., Librarian, Public Library, Cambridge City
- Kettering, Mrs. Laida, Public Library, Auburn
- Knott, Mary, Librarian, Public Library, Hartford City
- Koons, Madalene, Assistant Librarian, Public Library, Auburn
- Lamb, Mary, Librarian, Public Library, Bloomfield
- Lanham, Mrs. Carroll M., Assistant, Prospect Branch Library, Indianapolis
- McClure, Doris, Children's Librarian, Public Library, Vincennes
- McClurg, Ruth, Librarian, Public Library, Linden
- McCorkle, Elizabeth, Public Library, Kokomo
- McKay, Elsie, Librarian, Public Library, Oak Park, Ill.
- Nation, Elizabeth, Public Library, Kokomo
- Nelson, Thomas & Sons, New York City
- Phillips, Dorothy, Assistant, Loan Division, State Library, Indianapolis
- Quinzoni, Margaret, Librarian, Shields High School, Seymour
- Reading, Isabel, Vanderburgh County Public Library, Evansville
- Reed, Jane, Assistant, Public Library, Anderson
- Reedy, Kathleen, Junior Assistant, Public Library, Indianapolis
- Reveaux, Mrs. May, Paris Art Book Bindery, Cleveland, Ohio
- Rolfs, Clara E., Supervisor of Children's Work, Public Library, Gary
- Rossell, Mary E., Ft. Wayne-Allen County Public Library, Ft. Wayne
- Shaw, Thelma, Assistant, Columbus-Bartholomew County Library, Columbus
- Shoup, Emma, High School Library, Ft. Wayne
- Sickles, Evelyn, Librarian, Manual Training High School, Indianapolis
- Sparks, Mrs. Faye, Public Library, Terre Haute
- Stump, Gladys, Public Library, South Bend
- Taylor, Mary L., Public Library, South Bend
- Timmonds, Louise, Librarian, Public Library, Portland
- Tompkins, Edythe C., Assistant, Public Library, Anderson
- Tukey, Helen, Public Library, Marion
- Valentine, Mildred, Public Library, Terre Haute
- Van Cleve, Jessie Gay, American Library Association Booklist, Chicago
- Voigt, Marion, Branch Librarian, Gary
- Walker, Gladys, Librarian, Columbus-Bartholomew County Library, Columbus
- Weyant, Claudia, Assistant, Catalog Dept., State Library, Indianapolis
- Young, Ruth I., Public Library, Hammond

Student Loan Fund

The report of the committee appointed to formulate a mode of procedure for the Indiana Library Association in procuring and administering a Loan Fund, was read by the Chairman:

A Loan Fund shall be established and maintained by the Indiana Library Association, such fund to be obtained by increasing membership dues 50 cents, all of which increase shall go into the fund; by voluntary gifts from librarians, trustees, friends of libraries, and by such other means as the Indiana Library Association shall, from time to time, devise.

The object of this fund shall be to give financial assistance for professional training to such Indiana Library Association

members as may have given sufficient evidence of possessing exceptional talent for library work, thus providing the means for developing professional leadership.

The Loan Fund shall be administered by a Loan Fund Committee which shall be constituted as follows: President of the Indiana Library Association who shall serve during his term of office and one year thereafter, the Director of the State Library and 3 other members to be elected annually from the membership of the Indiana Library Association. The committee shall elect from its membership a chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

The Loan Fund Committee shall receive and be held responsible for all money paid by the treasurer of the Indiana Library Association into the Loan Fund, it shall receive and act upon all applications for loans. At the time of the annual business meeting of the Indiana Library Association, the committee shall through its treasurer render an itemized account in writing of all money received and loaned.

Money may be loaned only to members of the Indiana Library Association who have had at least twelve months' library experience in the State of Indiana.

An applicant to whom a loan may be granted, may borrow an amount not to exceed \$500 payable in two equal installments in September and January, provided application is made in writing three months before the first installment is needed.

Interest on loans is to be paid at the rate of 6 per cent, beginning one year from date of loan.

Any member of the Indiana Library Association borrowing funds shall sign the following agreement: I agree to pay to the Indiana Library Association Loan Fund as soon as possible the sum of.....with interest at the rate of six per cent, such interest beginning one year from date of loan.

The fund shall be deposited in a savings account drawing at least three per cent interest.

The auditing committee appointed to ex-

amine the treasurer's books of the Indiana Library Association shall also examine the accounts of the Loan Fund Committee.

Signed:

Bertha Ashby
Mary Torrance
Louis J. Bailey
Rachel Ogle
Ethel F. McCollough, Chairman

The adoption of the report was moved, seconded and carried. Based on the idea of developing leadership in the library profession, possibly in the State of Indiana, it is a matter of personal concern to every member of the Association that the details of operation be worked out by the new executive board as speedily as may be compatible with our Constitution and By-laws.

E. F. M.

DISTRICT MEETING

Princeton Public Library,
November 18, 1926.

Librarians and library trustees of southwestern Indiana met at the Princeton Public Library, Thursday, November 18, 1926. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by Miss Mason of Princeton. Miss Mason introduced Miss Elliott of Vincennes, who presided at the morning session. The general topic for consideration was "Points of view for Christmas buying". Miss Frances Atchinson of Evansville spoke on "Juvenile books". She emphasized the parents' need for guidance in the selection of children's books. With this in mind, the Evansville Public Library distributed during Children's Book Week printed lists of about fifteen titles suitable for each grade. These graded lists are expected to serve as suggestions for Christmas buying, as well as to encourage children to read the basic things. Miss Atchinson gave a helpful list of some of the more attractive editions of books for children of three groups: those under 8 years, those from 8 to 12, and those over 12 years. Illustrator, publisher, and price were mentioned for each.

Mrs. Zehner, supervisor of grade schools of Vincennes, discussed "The value of a child's reading from the school's point of view". The pupil's success in any subject depends to a great extent upon his mastery of reading. The methods of teaching reading have changed in recent years; the emphasis is now placed upon ability to grasp meaning and content, rather than chiefly upon expression and ability to read aloud, as was formerly the case. The child may read for various purposes: for information, for growth, for pleasure, for profit. Reading should be a vital factor in modifying behavior and making better citizens. In Vincennes, reading tables have been placed in each school-room to encourage the use of books. To certain schools the public library sends collections of forty books suitable for the particular grade in which they are to be used. The slogan for Children's Book Week was "Every child a borrower of the public library; every teacher a reader".

Test Dalton of Indianapolis, author of "The Blue Orchid" and other plays, read a paper on "The making of a play." He discussed the elements of plot, suspense, action, and character development.

Dr. A. L. Ziliak, Princeton, talked on "Popular science." He feels that librarians tend to emphasize too much the *volume* of circulation; and that fiction predominates too largely in the reading of many of our patrons. The habit of reading only fiction is not one to be encouraged. The romance of science is indeed "stranger than fiction," and the more popular scientific books should have a wide circulation. Dr. Ziliak especially recommended "The science of keeping young."

Mrs. Morse of Vincennes gave an interesting discussion of "Travel and biography worth while." She introduced her remarks by speaking of the joys of reading, and said that while we all feel that we have very little leisure, yet any one can find time to read the things which he really wishes to read. Mrs. Morse mentioned the following books of travel as especially worth while:

Hornaday's Camp-fires in the Canadian Rockies; Burt's Diary of a dude wrangler; Parker's Ports and happy places; With Lawrence in Arabia; Paine's Lure of the Mediterranean; Honsinger's Beyond the moon gate; and Wallace's Lure of the Labrador wild. These biographies were suggested: Life of Alice Freeman Palmer, by her husband; A son of the middle border, by Hamlin Garland; Katherine the Great, by Anthony; and Thomas R. Marshall's Recollections.

At 12:15 the meeting adjourned to the Pullman Hotel, where dinner was served to about thirty librarians and trustees. At this time a group of songs were rendered by Mrs. S. K. Trippett and Kenneth Burchfield. Miss Atchinson of the Evansville Public Library announced the appearance of Clara Clemens, daughter of Mark Twain, in her father's "Joan of Arc" at the Evansville Coliseum, Dec. 7th, under the auspices of the library for the benefit of the Staff Loan Fund.

Miss Mason introduced L. J. Bailey, the Director of the State Library, who spoke on "County library service." County libraries, Mr. Bailey said, are one of the main objectives of the State Library. The speaker outlined the growth and development of libraries in this country—the university libraries, the first of which was at Harvard College; the subscription libraries, one of the earliest of which was organized by Benjamin Franklin at Philadelphia; and the tax-supported libraries, which began to develop in the 1840's and received greater impetus with the organization of the A. L. A. in 1876. In spite of the progress which has been made, there are still more than fifty million people in the United States who are not reached by library service; and statistics show that one million of these are in Indiana, although the state has already received two and a half million dollars in gifts from the Carnegie funds and one and one-half million dollars from taxation and other gifts.

Why do we not have a greater number of county libraries? There are many towns which are too small to furnish adequate support for a library. Sometimes this problem is solved by township extension work, the library receiving as much as three-fourths of its support from the township. About one-fourth of the townships in the state now have township extension. The best solution of the problem, however, lies in county library service. People in the rural districts need and want books as much as those in the towns; and the country schools would receive the greatest benefit. The 25,000 books in the traveling libraries now handled by the Loan Division of the State Library are useful, but this cannot take the place of the personal contacts which the county library makes. The small libraries already in existence would benefit by the establishment of a county library, through the coming of trained workers and the probability of increased funds.

County library service may be brought about in two ways: (1) The county may organize on its own initiative, and leave out the towns already having library service; or, (2) a city may extend its service by contract, and have county members on its board. The county seat owes a debt to the county, and will benefit itself also by serving the whole county.

The afternoon session was opened at two p. m. with a question box on "Library Problems," presided over by Mrs. Mauck of Owensville. The first question submitted was: What are the chief factors in determining the number of members necessary on a library staff? This was submitted to Mr. Bailey, who replied that the number might be determined according to the volume of circulation. A circulation of 15,000 per staff member has been suggested as a standard. The average probably ranges from 12,000 to 25,000. Substitute, volunteer, and part-time help were suggested as a partial solution of the need of more assistants.

The second question discussed was: What

should be done about unpaid fines? Should these be remitted after a time, and the borrower again allowed to have books? Mrs. Allen of Newburg thinks that each individual case must be decided according to circumstances. Mr. Bailey said that in the case of juvenile borrowers one library barred the child from the library a week for each 5 cents of fine, thus allowing the offender to "work out" a fine.

The next question proposed was: May readers' cards be dispensed with, and registration number used instead? Miss Elliott replied that Vincennes does this in the case of juvenile borrowers and finds it very successful. When a book is charged, the assistant refers to the alphabetical file of application cards to get the borrower's number. If a fine is due, this is indicated by a fine slip filed in front of the application card. This does away with the loss of the reader's card by the child, and a complete file is always at hand.

The discussion of "Library Extension" was opened by Miss Nolte of Mt. Vernon. This library serves the three southern townships of Posey County. The librarian visits each of the 27 rural schools once a month, taking books which supplement the school work and some books for the parents, as well. The librarian also catalogs and has general supervision over the high school library.

Mrs. Stella Fox, 1st district chairman of the Federation of women's clubs, spoke on "Library extension from the club woman's standpoint". The state federation has: (1) A department of applied education, with divisions for the kindergarten, for vocational education, for science and nature study, and the scholarship loan. (2) A department of community service. (3) A department of conservation. (4) A department of library extension, of which Mrs. W. R. Davidson of Evansville is chairman. Club women are working for better speech, better motion pictures, the reduction of illiteracy, and for the organization of county libraries. They have this slogan:

"A free library in every county". Club women may help in the realization of this aim by giving the movement their moral support.

Mrs. Fitton, one of the trustees of the Mt. Vernon Public Library, discussed "Finance in extension work". This library has not received a tax from the two adjoining townships which it serves, but has been given a fixed sum in the trustees' budgets each year.

At Newburg the country teachers may come to the library and select the books which they wish to use.

Miss Mason introduced the subject of "Library history in southwestern Indiana" by saying that Indiana is said to have had the first county library law, but that it did not function. By a law of 1852, a tax was levied for two years, producing about \$44,000, which was to be used for traveling libraries of 320 volumes in each township. In 1855 William McClure left a large estate to be used for the establishment of libraries. One of the original McClure libraries still exists, at Union in Pike County.

Miss Elliott then outlined the history of libraries in Vincennes. Here was estab-

lished in 1806 the first library in the state, with Governor (later President) William Henry Harrison as the presiding officer. The Vincennes Library Association was succeeded by one of the McClure libraries; and in 1889 the school board founded the public library.

Miss Husband of New Harmony told of the Rappite library which existed there from 1814 to 1824. The Mutual Improvement Society established a library in 1828; and in 1838 the McClure library was founded. The minutes are on file continuously from this date. The Workingmen's Institute was organized in 1839; in 1860 the township library merged with it. The present library was endowed by Dr. Murphy.

The Princeton Library had on display a very interesting exhibit of library history, which was in charge of Miss Zelda Ziliak and Mrs. Joe Miller.

At the close of the program the visitors enjoyed a most delightful tea with the ladies of the Princeton library board and wives of the trustees.

RUTH LATSHAW, Secretary.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Poet of loving vision, tender heart!
He never lost the child look in his eyes;
The world for him each day had some surprise
Of newness or of wonder. Pain and smart
He knew but to o'ercome; they could not thwart
His gentle outlook. Fields and flowers and skies
Were kindly masters and they made him wise;
And children taught him more than books and art.

He sang our common life—its loves and joys,
And all its homely ways, through which a thread
Pure gold, he saw, ran still of high romance
To give it glory! Grime and tears and noise—
These one forgets, or feels them without dread,
When Riley weaves his spell of radiance.

From *Hours in Arcady*—Charles R. Williams

CONTRIBUTED AND SELECTED ARTICLES

Men and Children and Books

Glenn Frank, who was the chief speaker at the Tri-State Conference, contributes a syndicated editorial daily to a number of newspapers. He is interested in books and reading and so often touches on some phase that attracts attention. Recently he had as his subject "The man and the book."

"Men and books are strikingly alike. The same qualities determine the passing or the permanent worth of print and of personality."

Life and literature are not alien worlds.

They depend upon the same factors for greatness.

They are dragged to defeat by the same sins.

A shoddy book may become a best seller for a season.

A shoddy man may become a popular leader for a time.

By playing up to the passions of a jaded public, a book becomes a printed demagogue.

By playing down to the prejudices of a credulous crowd, a man becomes a human demagogue.

By capturing between its covers the qualities of eternal worthiness, a book becomes a printed classic.

By basing the processes of his thought and the procedures of his action upon the qualities of eternal worthiness, a man becomes a human classic.

The great man is simply a flesh-and-blood classic.

The classic, I fear, suggests something cold and classroomish, something bound in leather, bought in sets, and left unread on bookshelves.

But James Russell Lowell once suggested that a classic is marked by these four things:

It is simple without being vulgar.

It is elevated without being distant.

It is neither ancient nor modern.

It is always new and incapable of growing old.

And these, I suggest, are the things that mark a great mind as well as a great book."

He has also taken occasion to quote Hughes Mearns' "six singularly wise statements about children's reading" which appeared in a recent New Republic supplement that dealt with children and their books. They are worthy of thought and discussion. As given by Mr. Frank with his comments they follow.

1. "Taste is taste and should be respected at whatever level found."

Don't worry unduly if your boy shows a taste for thrillers at an early age. His taste must grow as his body grows. Be glad that he reads at all. If you force him beyond his depth you may kill his reading appetite.

2. "Taste grows through the stages of saturation and surfeit."

When your boy has read himself out among the thrillers, he will pass on to better things. With his fill of pastry, he will turn naturally to the more wholesome articles of the reading diet, to a slightly better grade of material.

3. "That material should be at hand at just that precise moment."

You must keep at least one jump ahead of your boy, so that when he tires of his thrillers he will in his tiredness readily run across something a little better on the library table. Don't expect him to give you a specific order for better books. Have them at hand and let him discover them.

4. "The material that is to lift (your boy) to the next level need not be really good in the adult or literary sense."

Even here don't rush your boy. Give him his chance to grow. Give his taste a chance to stretch. Be satisfied when he turns to reading a little better grade. He will get to the masters in time. You can not shove them down his throat by parental orders.

5. "An atmosphere of enticing suggestion must be set up."

You can not bring your boy to the reading of a book by "lulling voice of pumped-up delight" which you use when you say, "Now, take this castor oil down like a man; it is really very good." The suggestions that lure a boy to a book must be casual and sincere.

6. "Teachers, mothers, governesses, and elder sisters must cultivate honesty."

Don't hypocritically advise your boy to read "great literature" that you do not yourself read. You can not really do more than share your own enthusiasms with your boy. You can not preach your boy into the "masterpiece" stage of reading if you are yourself still in the "thriller" stage.

Loan Division Notes

The International Mind Alcove is something librarians should know about. It is a collection of books sent to libraries by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The plan is to supply public libraries in small places with a collection of books dealing in a manner to interest the general reader with the customs, daily life and sometimes the foreign policies of countries other than our own. The object is to contribute toward the enlightenment of public opinion as to other countries in the hope that this may create a broader outlook internationally. The books are not peace propaganda, the thought being that the surest foundations for permanent peace are laid in intelligent understanding of world conditions. The books are a free gift, the only condition being that the librarian who receives the books shall guarantee to make a special effort to call the collection to the attention of readers and see that the copies circulate freely. Any librarian applying should indicate the population of the town, number of books in the library and the annual circulation. Application should be made to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Divi-

sion of Intercourse and Education, 405 West 117th Street, New York City.

The Indiana State Library has received a collection for use in traveling libraries and will receive additional titles from time to time. Volumes may be borrowed for libraries whose librarian has not applied for an Alcove. Titles are as follows:

- Brent, Charles Henry. Understanding.
- Butler, Nicholas Murray. Building the American nation.
- Butler, Nicholas Murray. The international mind.
- Carnegie, Andrew. Autobiography.
- Forster, Edward Morgan. Passage to India.
- Foulke, William Dudley. Random record of travel during fifty years.
- Harris, W. Wilson. What the League of Nations is.
- Harrison, Paul W. The Arab at home.
- Holmes, Mary Caroline. Between the lines of Asia Minor.
- Hutton, Edward. Cities of Spain.
- Krehbiel, Edward. Nationalism, war and society.
- Medill, Robert. Norwegian towns and people.
- Merlant, Joachim. Soldiers and sailors of France in the American war for Independence.
- Mixer, Knowlton. Porto Rico.
- Powell, Edward Alexander. Beyond the utmost purple rim.
- Pupin, Michael. From immigrant to inventor.
- Ransome, Arthur. "Racundra's" first cruise.
- Richardson, Norval. My diplomatic education.
- Robson, E. I. Wayfarer in Czecho-Slovakia.
- Ross, Edward Alsworth. Changing Chinese.

Reformatory Library

The Indiana Reformatory at Pendleton has just completed a new building in a section of which will be housed the library. The library has a large, well-lighted room 35 by 90 feet and is under the supervision of Prof. Scott who has charge of all the

educational classes in the institution. Supt. A. F. Miles is greatly interested in securing good books for the library. State funds are very limited and an appeal has been made through the Rotary clubs of the state for gifts. Gifts from libraries of duplicates or worn books still usable would be acceptable. Such gifts may be sent to the Reformatory freight collect. Inmates of the institution are 16 to 30 years of age, the average being 21 years and the number over 2,000. Educational books will be very helpful and good stories will aid in maintaining the morale of the institution. Gifts from any source will be welcome.

1926 Newbery award

Arthur Bowie Chrisman received the 1926 award of the Newbery medal by the A. L. A. children's section for his *Shen of the sea*. Mr. Chrisman is a young man and made a modest little speech at the presentation. The book is a collection of short stories, some of them based upon old Chinese legends and some entirely imaginary. It is illustrated with silhouettes by Else Haselrüs, a Danish artist. Dutton is publisher.

Those interested in that book might wish to follow it with Frances Olcott's *Wonder tale from China seas*; N. H. Pitman's *Chinese fairy tales, or The Middle Country: a Chinese lad's adventures in his own land* by Mrs. Olivia Price.

Children's Catalog Supplement

The first supplement to the Children's Catalog in the Standard catalog series has appeared from the H. W. Wilson Co. This is the first of the annual supplements to the Catalog which was issued in 1925. It includes 200 new titles and entries for 30 new editions of books which are in the main list while 50 of the titles are analyzed. The arrangement is the same as in the original volume. An especially good feature is the grading of titles. An idea of its value may be gained from a few of the

titles which are recommended and are fully analyzed.

Allen, N. B. *How and where we live*, Ginn, .88.

Boyle, M. E. *Man before history*, Little, 1.50.

Caldwell and Meier. *Open doors to science*, Ginn, 1.00.

Cartwright, C. E. *Boys' book of ships*, Dutton, 2.50.

Cather, K. D. *Younger days of famous writers*, Century, 1.75.

Cheley, F. H. *Boys' book of camp fires*, Wilde, 2.50.

Coffman, R. *Child's story of the human race*, Doran, 3.50.

Colum, P. *Voyagers*, Macmillan, 2.25.

Creighton, L. *Tales of old France*, Longman, 2.00.

Fairgrieve and Young. *Homes far away*, Appleton, .80.

Faris, J. T. *Real stories of the geography makers*, Ginn, .92.

Farjeon, E. *Mighty men from Achilles to Julius Caesar*, Appleton, 1.25.

Gaige, G. *Recitations, old and new*, Appleton, 3.00.

Geister, E. *What shall we play?* Doran, 2.50.

Hall, A. N. *Outdoor boy craftsman*, Lothrop, 2.50.

Hawks, E. *Engineering for boys*, Nelson, 2.50.

Hawthorne, H. *What are you going to be?* Century, 1.75.

Jordan and Cather. *North America*, World Bk, 1.44.

Judd, A. *Conquest of the poles*, Nelson, 2.00.

Lamphrey, L. *Days of the leaders*, Stokes, 2.50.

Luetkenhaus and Knox. *Rainy day book for boys and girls*, Century, 1.75.

Marshall, H. E. *History of France*, Doran, 3.00.

Methley, A. A. *How the world travels*, Stokes, 1.00.

National Geographic Society. Book of fishes. Aut., 4.00.

Proctor, M. Young folk's book of the heavens. Little, 2.00.

Tietjens, E. S. Japan, Korea and Formosa. Wheeler, 2.00.

A. L. A. Membership

The impetus given the American Library Association in 1926, its Fiftieth Anniversary Year, carried it far, but also brought new responsibilities.

What of the fifty-first years?

The Association's work is growing. Expansion means an increase in all activities, and these activities depend for support largely upon memberships.

If you are a member of the A. L. A. can you not secure one more member in 1927? If you are not a member give careful consideration to your duty to the profession.

There are thousands of librarians and library workers who do not belong; thousands of libraries that are not institutional members; tens of thousands of trustees who are not members.

Assist the Membership Committee by trying to secure one hundred per cent membership in your own library. If every member secures one new member, the Association will have the support it needs.

Librarians handle many tons of books

No one has any idea how many pounds of books are handled every month at the library. It can be figured that each book averages from one and one-quarter to two pounds in weight. Taking the books at an average of one and one-quarter pounds each, Miss Stone figures that there have been 14,686 books drawn from the library since September, making a total weight of 18,557 pounds handled. The same number of books were returned so far, making an additional 18,557 pounds or a total of 37,114 pounds.

Dividing the number by 2,000 pounds for

a ton, the number of tons amounts to over eighteen.

The mail carriers have nothing to brag about when it comes to weight. We do not handle all our books at once, but by the time the day is over, the books seem heavier than they really are.

Bedford Times, Dec. 14, 1926.

For Exhibit

The State Library has just received a collection of eighteen prints in color by Cecil Aldin illustrating scenes from "Pickwick Papers." These are charming both in color and characterization and each print repays study, if only for the wealth of interesting detail which the artist uses.

Libraries will probably find them excellent for exhibits. The prints are not framed but are mounted on a double sheet of cream-colored paper which can be easily clipped for hanging. These can be borrowed from the State Library.

Strays

The John Herron Art Institute library has copies of the Atlantic and of the Indiana Magazine of History for 1922-23-24-25 that will be sent to any library paying transportation.

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 17 East 42d St., New York, announces two special prizes of \$25,000 each to be awarded October 1 to a young man and young woman for the best essays on "What Woodrow Wilson means to me." The awards are available to any resident of the United States between the ages of 21 and 35 years.

"Indiana Probation News" is a new leaflet issued monthly by the State Probation Department which should appeal to those concerned or interested in child welfare.

American citizenship readings is the title of a useful pamphlet which will be sent free to libraries by John Rudin & Co., of Chicago. It gives a Bible reading course for

every day of the school year with suggestions for special programs and exercises. The eight volume Book of Life published by the same firm is not necessary to the use of the Citizenship readings.

Handwork for boys by F. C. Hughes is a very admirable manual training book for boys who want to make things. Mr. Hughes not only understands boys' interests and the construction problems but adds artistic ability to his insight. Good design and variety, graded from simple to difficult, make the book suited to boys of a wide range of age and advancement. Drawings and directions are both ample and complete. Published by the Bruce Publishing Co.

Useful pamphlets on bee keeping and honey may be obtained free from the A. I. Root Co., Medina, Ohio.

Indiana authors

Miss Kathleen Adams and Miss Frances Atchinson of the Evansville library have been asked to edit a book of Princess stories, by Dodd, Mead & Co., as a companion to their "*Book of giant stories*," which has been very successful.

Elmore Barce of Fowler is well known to students of Indiana history for his earlier books, *Land of the Miamis* and *Land of Potawatomi*. Carefulness of research, picturesqueness of detail and vividness of language characterizes his work. His last book, *Little Bear, a Kickapoo boy of the Wabash*, displays all these qualities to a high degree. It is the story of an Indian boy who passes through the exciting events preceding Harrison's campaign and through the battle of Tippecanoe. The narrative carries one along with breathless interest and gives a considerable amount of fresh historical information. Christopher Pub. House, Boston, \$1.50.

A new volume by Louis Howland, editor of the Indianapolis News is announced. The title "*Case and Comment*" is sub-

titled "Meditations of a layman on the Christian year." It is made up of articles selected from the weekly column of the same name which appears regularly in the News. Special attention is given to the outstanding holidays of the Christian year, civic as well as religious. Bobbs, \$2.50.

An illuminated boulder brought from the bed of St. Mary's river and known as Elephant Rock now stands on the southeast corner of the Decatur, Ind., courthouse lawn, on state road No. 21, as a memorial to Gene Stratton-Porter, Indiana author who died after an automobile accident in Los Angeles more than a year ago.

The memorial was dedicated on the last day of September by the Adams county school children. The inscribed bronze tablet on the face of Elephant Rock is lighted at night by an electrical arrangement. State road No. 21, has been designated Limberlost trail in Mrs. Porter's honor.

On the same date a tulip tree was planted in memory of the author in the southeast section of the state house lawn by the National Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Committee.

Booth Tarkington has published a book of essays that can be added to the Indiana shelf. It is "*Looking forward, and others*." Titles of the six essays are "Looking forward to the great adventure," "Nipskillions," "The hopeful pessimist," "Stars in the dust heap," "The golden age," and "Happiness now." They contain a homely, human philosophy that will appeal to the ordinary person and give help over the hills and bridges of day to day life. Doubleday, \$2.00.

"*Hours in Arcady*" by Charles Richard Williams is a collection of poems. Mr. Williams now lives in Princeton, N. J., but was for twenty years editor in chief of the Indianapolis News. He wrote the authoritative life of President Hayes and edited the Hayes correspondence. A previous privately

printed volume represents his work in the poetic field aside from his periodical contributions. His sonnet "James Whitcomb Riley" is printed elsewhere in this number. Bobbs, \$2.00.

Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood, a history of the Kentucky Lincolns supported by documentary evidence is the title of a new Lincoln book by Louis A. Warren of Zionsville, Indiana. Through a search of public records of Kentucky and various other original sources, including newspapers and manuscript collections, the author has found material which enables him to discuss in a new light the ancestry and birthplace of Abraham Lincoln; the home influences, including the characteristics of his father and mother; and the social, educational, religious, economic and political life in Kentucky at the time the Lincolns lived there. The book closes with the removal to Indiana in 1816 when Abraham Lincoln was seven years old. Century, \$3.50.

INDIANA PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED AT THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY DURING SEPTEMBER, 1926

Academy of Science Proceedings 1926.

*Charities, Board of. "Statutes Governing the State Institutions of Indiana."

Charities, Board of. Bulletin No. 145, June, 1926.

Charities, Board of. Bulletin No. 146, Sept., 1926.

*Conservation, Dept. of. "Laws of Indiana for the Protection of Fish, Game, Fur-bearing Animals and Birds" 1925-1926, Pub. No. 49.

*Conservation, Dept. of. "Forestry Laws of Indiana 1926," Pub. No. 54, (Bul. No. 7, Div. of Forestry).

Corn Growers' Assn. Report 1926.

*Dairy Assn. Report 1926.

Epileptics, Village for. Report 1924.

Epileptics, Village for. Report 1925.

*Health, Board of. Bul. July, 1926.

*Health, Board of. Bul. August, 1926. "Indiana, 1926."

Live Stock Breeders' Assn. Report 1926.

Public Instruction, Dept. of. Bulletin No. 47C, "Geography Manual."

Public Instruction, Dept. of. Bulletin No. 47F,

"Home Economics".

Public Instruction, Dept. of. Bulletin No. 47G,

"Spelling Manual."

* Not given to the Library for distribution.

November, 1926

Conservation, Dept. of. Publication No. 60, "European Corn Borer in Indiana," Diets.

Election Commissioners, Board of. "Election Law Pamphlet of Indiana."

*Health, Board of. Bulletin v. 29, No. 9, Sept., 1926.

*Health, Board of. Bulletin v. 29, No. 10, Oct., 1926.

Public Instruction, Dept. of. Bulletin No. 85. "Child Accounting in Indiana" by Blanche Merry.

State Farm. Report 1926.

Vicksburg State Memorial Commission. "Morton in Bronze."

December, 1926

*Auditor of State. State News Bulletin V. 1, No. 8, Dec. 1, 1926.

Boys' School. Report 1926.

Girls' School. Report 1924.

Girls' School. Report 1925.

Fire Marshal. Fire Prevention Journal V. 1, No. 1, Nov., 1926.

*Health, Board of. Bulletin V. 20, No. 11, Nov., 1926.

*Historical Bureau. Indiana History Collections V. 14, "William Henry Harrison, A Political Biography."

Insane, Central Hospital for. Report 1926.

Insane, Eastern Hospital for. Report 1926.

*Public Instruction, Dept. of. "Manual With Course of Study in Language" etc., Bul. No. 47-D.

*Public Instruction, Dept. of. Bul. No. 47-E. "History Manual."

*Public Instruction, Dept. of. Bul. No. 47-H. "Physiology and Hygiene Manual."

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of. Report 1926.

State Prison. Report 1926.

*Weights and Measures, Dept. of. "Laws Governing Weights and Measures."

A Selection of New Fiction.

Aldrich, Bess Streeter. The Cutters. Appleton, \$2.00.

A wholesome, humorous story of a typical small-town family.

Bennett, Arnold. Lord Raingo. Doran, \$2.00.

A story of English war-time politics in which Mr. Raingo is millionaire, minister of records, Lord, and just an everyday human being.

Biggers, Earl Derr. The Chinese parrot. Bobbs, \$2.00.

The author of "Seven keys to Baldpate" has given us a thrilling mystery story with an unexpected ending.

- Buchan, John. The dancing floor. Houghton, \$2.50.
A tale of deep mystery filled with thrilling adventures, having the Greek islands as a setting.
- Converse, Florence. Into the void; a bookshop mystery. Little, \$1.50.
A gay mystery of a book shop, supposedly the Hathaway Bookshop of Wellesley. Publishers' Weekly suggests that "The Haunted Bookshop" may well look to its laurels.
- Cooper, Courtney Ryley. Oklahoma. Little, \$2.00.
"A combination of covered wagon pioneering and wild west adventure at the time of the land rush, lightened with a love story."—Open Shelf, Cleveland.
- Curwood, James Oliver. The Black Hunter. Cosmopolitan, \$2.00.
A romance of French America at the beginning of the Seven Years' War.
- Daingerfield, Foxhall. Ghost house. Appleton, \$2.00.
This unique mystery story has for its setting an old mansion on a southern plantation.
- Deland, Margaret. The Kays. Harper, \$2.00.
An Old Chester story of Civil War times. A rather morbid but interesting study of character.
- Ferber, Edna. The show boat. Doubleday, \$2.00.
An interesting picture of life on a Mississippi show-boat.
- Fisher, Mrs. Dorothea Frances Canfield. Her son's wife. Harcourt, \$2.00.
How a mother of culture solved the problem of an undersirable daughter-in-law. Pronounced "a masterpiece" by William Lyon Phelps.
- Fletcher, J. S. The great Brighton mystery. Knopf, \$2.00.
Will help in the never ceasing demand for a good mystery story.
- Gale, Zona. Preface to a life. Appleton, \$2.00.
"To his family and friends Bernard Mead was insane. To himself and, one suspects, to the author, he was endowed with a gift of deeper vision. The story takes him from boyhood to his fifty-second year, leaving him on the verge of "finding out everything." Notable for its penetrating analysis of character."—Wisconsin.
- Garland, Hamlin. Trail makers of the middle border. Macmillan, \$2.50.
In this, the third book about the middle border, the author tells of his parents' life in New England and of their pioneering adventures in establishing a new home in the Middle West.
- Garstin, Crosbie. West wind. Stokes, \$2.00.
The last adventures of Ortho Penhale, pirate, adventurer and world rover, whom we have met before in "The owl's house" and "High noon."
- Gibbs, Arthur Hamilton. Labels. Little, \$2.00.
A portrayal of the efforts toward readjustment to post-war conditions. May not be so popular as "Soundings."
- Glasgow, Ellen. Romantic comedians. Doubleday, \$2.50.
A well-told story of tragic consequences of the marriage of December and June—old age and youth.
- Hough, Clara Sharpe. Leif the lucky. Century, \$2.00.
A stirring story of Norse exploration in the year 1000.
- Kaye-Smith, Sheila. Joanna Godden married. Harper, \$2.00.
A novelette which brings the story of Joanna Godden to an end; eight shorter stories complete the volume.
- Larsen, J. Anker. Martha and Mary. Knopf, \$2.50.
A well told story translated from the Danish; it tells of the tragic lives of two

sisters, separated in childhood and meeting again in old age.

Locke, William John. Perella. Dodd, \$2.00.

The story is written in much the same vein as "Beloved vagabond" and tells the adventures of Perella and Anthony in the art colony of Florence.

Lovelace, Maud Hart. The black angels.

John Day Co., \$2.00.

The adventures of the musical family of Roger Angel who toured the Minnesota territory in pioneer days.

Merwin, Samuel. Entertaining angel.

Sears, \$1.50.

"An engaging little idyl of strolling players in Southern California who play out-of-doors in a tent and travel in big red vans and reveal their characters in a most human fashion."

Miller, Agnes. Colfax bookplate. Century, \$2.00.

"A murder committed in a book shop brings to light the extraordinary interest of several people in a rare medical book containing a curious book-plate. The charming, humorous saleswoman who helps to solve the mystery tells the story."—Open Shelf.

Morrow, Honore Willies. On to Oregon.

Morrow, \$1.75.

Adults, and older boys and girls, will enjoy this tale of pioneering.

Sabatini, Rafael. Bellarion. Houghton, \$2.50.

A romance of fifteenth century Italy, in which a nameless waif comes to a position of prince.

Seltzer, Charles A. Valley of the stars. Century, \$2.00.

Just a "typical western story."

Walpole, Hugh. Harmer John. Doran, \$2.00.

"Hjalmer Johanson (Harmer John) stalwart and idealistic Scandinavian, finds the little English town of Polchester full of inartistic defects which he tries sincerely to remedy. But lacking the tact and savoir faire of a diplomat, he achieves only his own downfall. The

story has the same subtle malignance that worked so powerfully in *THE OLD LADIES* and *THE PORTRAIT OF A MAN WITH RED HAIR* but it is less unified and hence less interesting."

—Booklist.

Widdemer, Margaret. Gallant lady. Harcourt, \$2.00.

"The story of how one of the younger generation—a member of the gay young married set—meets adversity and regains her happiness at the end of it. Will be popular."

—Wisconsin.

Wren, Percival. Beau Sabreur. Stokes, \$2.00.

The astonishing adventures of a dashing French Hussar of "Beau Geste" fame.

—E. D. H.

New Books in the State Library

There is listed here a small selection from the titles of new books recently added to the state library. It is not possible, and probably not desirable, to give a complete list of additions. Most of the titles would not be advisable purchases except in the larger libraries. It should serve to indicate the kind of books to be found in the library. Any public library may borrow these books (or others) for special use with patrons. Any citizen to whom a public library is not accessible may borrow directly from the state library.

Ady, Julia (Cartwright). Isabella d'Este. 2 v. Dutton, 2d ed. reprinted 1926, \$8.00.

Anderson, Maxwell & Stallings, Laurence. Three American plays. Harcourt, 1926, \$2.00. Contents: What price glory. First flight. Buccaneer.

Bergey, David Hendricks, et al. Manual of determinative bacteriology, 2d ed. Baltimore. Williams, 1925, \$5.

Bullard, Robert Lee. Personalities and reminiscences of the war. Doubleday, 1925, \$5.00.

Call, Frank Oliver. Spell of French Canada. Page, 1926, \$3.75.

- Child Study Assoc. of Amer., comp. Guidance of childhood and youth; readings in child study. Macmillan, 1926, 2.50.
- Cornelius, Charles Over. Early American furniture. Century, c 1926, \$4.00.
- Daly, Reginald Aldworth. Our mobile earth. Scribner's, 1926, \$5.00.
- Dearden, Harold. Understanding ourselves. Boni, 1926, \$3.00.
- Dickinson, Goldsworthy Lowes. International anarchy, 1904-1914. Century, c 1926, \$4.00.
- Douglas, Lloyd C. These sayings of mine; an interpretation of Jesus. Scribner, 1926, \$1.50.
- Faris, John T. Old churches and meeting houses in and around Philadelphia. Lippincott, 1926, \$6.00.
- Faris, John T. Romance of the boundaries. Harper, 1926, \$6.00.
- Foley, Edwin. Book of decorative furniture, 2 v. Dodge, n. d. \$25.00.
- Garrison, Fielding Hudson. Introduction to the history of medicine. 3d ed. rev. & enl. Phil. Saunders, 1924, \$9.00.
- Goldberg, Isaac. Havelock Ellis; a biographical and critical survey. Simon, 1926, \$4.00.
- Grey, Edward Grey, 1st viscount. Fallodon papers, by Viscount Grey of Fallodon. Houghton, 1926, \$2.50.
- Guthe, Carl Eugen. Pueblo pottery making. Yale Univ. Press, 1925, \$4.00.
- Guthe, Harry G. Analysis of financial statements. Prentice-Hall, 1926, \$5.00.
- Harbord, James Guthrie. Leaves from a war diary. Dodd, c 1925, \$5.00.
- Harriman, Edward Avery. Constitution at the cross roads. Doran, c 1925, \$3.00.
- Hartley, Dorothy & Elliot, Margaret M. V. Life and work of the people of England; a pictorial record from contemporary sources; the fifteenth century; the sixteenth century. 2 v. Putnam, 1926, \$2.50 ea.
- Howe, Mark Anthony De Wolfe. Causes and their champions. Little, 1926, \$4.00.
- Jackson, Holbrook. Eighteen nineties. Knopf, 1925, \$5.00.
- Jenkins, Charles Francis. Button Gwinnett. Doubleday, 1926, \$10.00.
- Kantor, J. R. Principles of psychology. 2 v. Knopf, c 1926, \$6.00.
- Kidder, Alfred Vincent. Introduction to the study of southwestern archaeology. Yale Univ. Pr., 1924, \$4.00.
- Lawrence, William. Memories of a happy life. Houghton, 1926, \$5.00.
- Liggett, Hunter. Commanding an American army. Houghton, c 1925, \$2.00.
- Lippincott, Horace Mather. Philadelphia, 1926, Macrae, \$2.50.
- Ludy, Robert B. Historic churches of the world. Stratford, 1926, \$5.00.
- McMurry, Karl F. & McNall, Preston E. Farm accounting; principles and problems. Shaw, 1926, \$4.00.
- Moore, Charles. Family life of George Washington. Houghton, 1926, c 1922, \$5.00.
- Muir, Edwin. Transition. Essays on contemporary literature. Viking Press, 1926, \$2.00.
- National research council of the U. S. of America. International critical tables of numerical data; physics, chemistry and technology. v. 1. McGraw-Hill, 1926, \$12.00.
- Rosewater, Victor. Liberty bell; its history and significance. Appleton, 1926, \$1.75.
- Rutter, Frank. Evolution in modern art; a study of modern painting, 1870-1925. Dial press, n. d. \$2.50.
- Salzman, Louis Francis. England in Tudor times; an account of its social life and industries. Scribner's, 1926, \$3.00.
- Scott, Harold. English song book. McBride, 1926, \$3.50.
- Snowden, James Henry. Truth about Mormonism. Doran, c 1926, \$2.50.
- Strachey, John St. Loe. American soundings. Appleton, 1926, \$2.50.
- Stuart, Granville. Forty years on the frontier as seen in the journals and reminiscences of. Clark, 1925, \$12.50.
- Summers, Montague. History of witchcraft and demonology. Knopf, 1926, \$5.00.

Thomson, John Arthur. New natural history. 2 v. Putnam, 1926, \$6.00 ea.

Wallas, Graham. Art of thought. Harcourt, c 1926, \$2.50.

Willoughby, George A. House wiring. Wiley, 1925, \$2.00.

Woodward, William E. George Washington, the image and the man. Boni, 1926, \$4.00.

Wright, Ivan. Readings in money, credit and banking principles. Harper, 1926, \$4.00.

Young, G. F. Medici. 2 v. 3d ed. reprinted, 1925. Dutton, \$12.00.

"How I pity those who have no love of reading, of study, or of the finer arts! I have passed my youth amidst amusements and in the most brilliant society; but I can assert with perfect truth that I have never tasted pleasures so true as those I have found in the study of books, in writing, or in music. The days that succeed brilliant entertainments are always melancholy, but those which follow days of study are delicious; we have gained something; we have acquired some new knowledge." Mme. de Genlis.

Don't Neglect the Older Books.

Many older books of fiction portray life and experience even more truly and vividly than novels of the last few years. Ask for "One Thousand Best Books" by Dickinson, or ask the Reader Adviser to make you a course in good fiction along any line in which you are especially interested. There are always books on the shelves which are thrilling and distinguished even if their backs are a little dingy from use. Time is the test of nothing so much as a book.
—Indianapolis Public Library.

Facing Fifty.

In "I Prepare to Face Fifty," an article in the September Harpers Magazine, Emily Newell Blair says: "The greatest pleasure of my mind is analysis, either peering into the minds of others or giving my mind to theirs, looking through their eyes, following their ideas. In other words, books. And so, as I face fifty, I plan to give the major part of those years ahead to the enjoyment of books. I shall build my house so that I may live among them. I shall order my life so that I may devote myself to their study.

Tools of the Mind.

"Among a man's most helpful friends let us make a large place for books. They are the tools of the mind. Their function is to increase the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. In the very highest sense, they are the true labor-saving devices. What the loom does for the fingers, what the engine does for the feet, what the telescope does for the eyes, that, and more, books do for reason and memory. They hasten man's intellectual steps, they push back the intellectual horizon, they increase the range of his vision, they sow intellectual harvests otherwise impossible, and reap treasures quite beyond the reach of the unaided reason."—Newell Dwight Hillis.

"I read a multitude of delightful books, chief among them books for children. They are both my hobby and my livelihood. They are the fountain of true education, the beginning of wisdom, the Pierean spring of beauty. Charming flowers in the sombre landscape of publishing books. They repay a thousandfold the efforts spent in arranging type and in selecting illustrations. What books live forever? Why! books for children. Who has ever forgotten 'Alice in Wonderland,' 'Heidi,' 'Two Years Before the Mast,' 'Tanglewood Tales,' 'Water Babies,' 'Ivanhoe,' 'Robinson Crusoe,' 'Davy and the Goblin,' and 'The Children's Book' by Horace E. Scudder? Immortal books. Books to feed young minds, to encourage thought, to build character, to nourish beauty."—The Piper.

PERSONALS

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Frances Elizabeth Atchinson, librarian of the East Side branch, in Evansville, to Hilary Edwin Bacon, Jr., Jan. 10th, at Evansville.

Miss Ruth F. Bailey has been reappointed as a member of the Staff of the Indianapolis Public Library.

Mrs. Maurine R. Bowen, a former member of the Staff of the Indianapolis Public Library, died at her home in Nora, Indiana, on November 19th.

Miss Inez Black, librarian of Warren, was married in October to George Wilson.

Miss Katherine A. Chipman, for years a member of the library staff, and formerly librarian of Anderson Public Library, has gone to St. Louis to spend the winter with her niece, Mrs. J. W. Carpenter. Miss Chipman has been ill for several weeks. During her absence Mrs. Mildred Clifford Haubursin, a former member of the staff, will assist at the library.

Miss Sena Clark, formerly on the Terre Haute library staff, is now employed in the library department of the Laskey studios in Hollywood, Calif.

Miss Esther Conner of Wabash is attending the Wisconsin library school. Miss Conner was formerly in the Fort Wayne library and has had three years' work at the Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin.

Miss Florence De Lawter, assistant in the Logansport public library was married Oct. 11th to Everett Howell of Logansport.

Miss Elizabeth De Long has been appointed librarian at the Roanoke public library to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her sister, Miss Mino De Long.

The city school board of Connersville has announced the gift of a \$15,000 playground site to the school city by Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl of Muncie. The gift is in memory of Mrs. Earl's father, the late Austin B. Claypool.

Miss Fay Eccles, a graduate of Franklin College, succeeded Mrs. Margaret Harness

Harpe as assistant in the Loan Division of the State Library November 1st.

Miss Dorothy Gipp, formerly librarian of the West Side Library in Evansville was married to Bartlett Taylor, an artist of New York City, in October.

Miss Ida Goshkin of Lafayette is taking the Wisconsin library course as a senior in the college.

Miss Helen M. Gould of Marion, and for two years assistant in the public library there, has become an assistant in the Elkhart public library.

Many friends of Chalmers Hadley, former secretary of the Indiana Commission, will be glad to know that his efforts with the voters were successful in November, and he will have the pleasure and work of building a new \$2,500,000 library in Cincinnati.

Miss Belle Hanna, on retiring as librarian at Greencastle, was given a public reception. Having been connected with the library from the beginning thirty-five years ago she gave a very complete account of its history. Miss Hanna said she had adopted as her own "A librarian's creed."—"I believe in books: in the power of books to teach, the gift of books to inspire, the efficacy of books to restore and give joy. I dedicate myself today to my opportunities for helping my fellows to know and love books; to learn from books knowledge of themselves; to seek in books refreshment and laughter; to find in books spiritual springs of action and hope."

Mrs. Corwin B. Hartwick has resigned as assistant in the Mishawaka public library. Mrs. Hartwick has been taking the place of Miss Clara Buchheit who is visiting in Oklahoma City.

Miss Florence A. Johnson, formerly in the Miami university library at Oxford, Ohio, has come to the Hammond public library as reference librarian.

Mrs. Laila Kettering, assistant in the Elkhart public library at Auburn, has re-

moved to Enid, Okla. She is succeeded by Miss Madalene Koons of Auburn.

Miss Inez Levin has been appointed apprentice assistant in the Elkhart public library.

Miss Marian McFadden has been appointed as assistant in the Shelbyville public library succeeding Miss Pauline Blair resigned. Miss McFadden is a graduate of Smith College.

Miss Carroll Martin, branch assistant in the Indianapolis Public Library, was married in November to Robert Lanham.

Samuel J. Matthews, business man identified with many civic enterprises in Tipton and husband of Mrs. Ida Matthews, librarian of the Tipton public library, died Sept. 18, 1926.

Mrs. Gertrude K. Menger, of Great Lakes, Illinois, has become cataloger in the Elkhart public library. Mrs. Menger was educated at Wisconsin university, has occupied positions in the Detroit and Hancock, Michigan public libraries, served as cataloger in the Panama Canal library, Isthmus of Panama, and came from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station library, where she has served as librarian.

Miss Corinne Metz, county librarian of Allen County at Fort Wayne, resigned January 1 to become librarian of the Springfield, Ohio, public library. Miss Metz has been an outstanding worker in county library service both in Oregon and Indiana. Good wishes go with her on her return to her native state.

Mrs. E. S. Morgan, librarian of the Dublin public library, died very suddenly in April, 1926. Word of her death was not received by our office until late in the fall.

Miss Vera Morgan, librarian of the Haughville branch library of the Indianapolis public library system, has been appointed a member of the A. L. A. Committee on "Work with the foreign born."

Miss Della F. Northey is organizing the library of the College of St. Scholastica at Duluth, Minn.

Miss Dorothy Peters, librarian of the State College, New Mexico, has resigned to become head of the order department at the Indiana University library.

Miss Mary A. Price, assistant at the Shawnee Branch, Fort Wayne public library, has been granted a leave of absence for a year.

Miss Sarah Proctor, librarian at the Cherry street branch library in Evansville, died December 12th.

Miss Lois Margaret Ringo, formerly of the Anderson public library and high school library, is at the Wisconsin library school.

Charles E. Rush has been appointed a member of the A. L. A. editorial committee, succeeding J. L. Wheeler now at Baltimore.

Miss Sybil C. Shuette has resigned as branch librarian at Gary to become assistant librarian of the public library at Green Bay, Wis., her home.

Miss Helen S. Stevenson, cataloger in the Elkhart library has gone to a similar position in the Pasadena public library.

Miss Mary Thomas, formerly in the Elkhart public library has been appointed to a position in the registration department in the Los Angeles library.

Miss Agnes Ward, assistant in the Montpelier public library, and William B. Ely were married Christmas week in Louisville.

Miss Hazel B. Warren was injured in an auto accident Nov. 7, having several ribs broken. She was kept from filling state calls for a month but is happily back at work.

Miss Louise West, assistant in the circulation department of the Indianapolis public library, was married in November to Dr. William C. Service.

Miss Claudia M. Weyant follows Miss Mildred Benton as assistant in the catalog division of the Indiana State Library. Miss Benton is in the Miami, Fla., public library.

Miss Margaret Winning, formerly of the County department of the Detroit public

library, follows Miss Corinne Metz as county librarian in the Ft. Wayne-Allen County library.

Miss Grace Zerkle, librarian of the Garrett public library, has taken a six months'

leave of absence and is spending it in Little Rock, Ark., acting as assistant librarian at the Veterans' hospital. Mrs. Seward Martin is taking her place at Garrett.

NEWS OF INDIANA LIBRARIES

Alexandria. For book week Mrs. Bertsche had printed a book mark with the following verse, which was written by Mrs. F. C. Jones, who has been a member of the Board of trustees for a number of years.

VOICE FROM A BOOK

Be sure your hands from dirt are free
Whenever you are handling me;
To mark your place, my corners, please
Don't bend; with greater ease
You can this card insert, and so
Keep me all nice and neat. Don't throw
Me down face first, or let me fall;
It breaks my back, and I can't call
To let you know you're hurting me—
Observe these things and you will see
I'll always be your silent friend
And give your mind an upward trend.

Anderson. The Anderson public library board has this year been reorganized under the library law, increasing the number of members from five to seven. The last tax levy provides for an increase for library support and the library will receive a rate of seven-tenths. Members of the present library board:

Mrs. W. A. Denny, President
P. J. Casey, Vice-president
Forest Larmore, Secretary
Mrs. C. E. Wilson
Mrs. W. B. Campbell
Mrs. Charles T. Sansberry
E. H. Fishback

In November the Anderson public library received as a gift from Mrs. I. J. Reuter, of Lansing, Mich., \$25.00 to purchase books for the children's room. Mrs. Reuter has promised an annual gift of \$25.00 or more

to be spent for children's books, given in memory of her little daughter, Alma Reuter. The books are displayed during Children's Book Week each year and are afterward placed in circulation.

Children's Book week was a busy time in the Anderson public library. There were exhibits of books—some of the beautiful books for boys and girls, and an exhibit of old books of the kind read by boys and girls many years ago. There were story hours after school every day during the week, a pantomime given at the library by the High School Dramatic Club, and on Saturday afternoon a party for the boys and girls of the Summer Vacation Reading Club. Children wore costumes representing book characters, and appeared, one at a time, before a shelf of huge books, at the tap of a fairy wand. Diplomas offered for good reading were presented to members of the Vacation Reading Club by Mrs. W. A. Denny, president of the library board. Another member of the board, Mr. E. H. Fishback, gave a brief talk on the value of good reading.

Andrews. The cornerstone was laid Nov. 6th of the public library building which is to cost \$6,000. The Andrews Library Club has been working to raise the fund for several years and announced it had five thousand dollars and expected to raise the remainder by the dedication date.

Angola. An addition will be erected to the Angola public library of sufficient size to house five thousand additional volumes.

Boonville. The fifth annual benefit concert for the public library was held in For-

rest theatre in November. Over \$300 was raised.

Boswell. The auditorium of the public library has been redecorated and considerable new furniture has been purchased for the library.

Centerville. Plans for a reading room to be located in the rear of the present library room have been approved. The bequest of \$4,000 left by the late John K. Jones was left with the provision that the interest be used to maintain a reading room.

Crawfordsville. Wabash College has received one of the twenty teaching collections of the fine arts distributed by the Carnegie Corporation. The set consists of the following material: About 1,800 photographic reproductions of architecture, sculpture and painting, of which more than one-fourth are in color. Two small collections of original material, one of prints and one of textiles. A collection of books, about 400 volumes in all, intended to provide instructors and undergraduates with a small, well balanced library for the study of fine arts. An annotated catalog which, from the point of view of printing and preparation, is in itself an admirable example of the graphic arts.

A handsome large sepia photograph of Andrew Carnegie now adorns the walls of the public library, a Christmas gift bestowed by Walter F. Hulet. Mr. Hulet was secretary of the Commercial Club in 1901 and was active in obtaining funds for the library. It is an appropriate action. It is a small but fitting recognition for every Carnegie library to give to the far sighted donor of \$143,000,000 in library buildings to this country.

Edinburg. The public library opened its new quarters Dec. 15th, the library's fifth birthday. The new site was purchased for \$2,200 and is centrally located. The building on the site was remodeled and redecorated to make very acceptable provisions

for the present. The Edinburg Civic League has offered to landscape the site.

Elkhart. A branch library has been opened in a store building to serve the south side section of the city.

Elwood. The Call-Leader of Sept. 22d contains a history of the public library from 1898, the year of establishment, to date.

Evansville. Clara Clemens appeared at the Coliseum Dec. 7th in Joan of Arc, under the auspices of the public library staff. The play in two acts, divided into ten scenes, is drawn from her father's book "Recollections of Joan of Arc." The proceeds were for the benefit of the Staff loan fund.

Six of the staff of the public library were injured in an automobile accident Nov. 6th. Fortunately the cases were not critical, however painful. Those injured were Misses Selma Seip, Zella M. Lockhart, Ruth Bean, Rachel Agg, Mary McAnnis and Ann Page.

The golden anniversary of the founding of the Willard library was reached late in 1926. The gift of property to the value of \$200,000 was made October 26, 1876 by Willard Carpenter, who devoted the remainder of his life to planning for the library. The building was opened in April, 1884, shortly after Mr. Carpenter's death. The circulation last year was 81,677 volumes.

Fort Wayne. Within the last few months the Ft. Wayne public library has opened two city branches. The Richardville branch, located at 2703 Broadway, was opened November 4, 1926. The name appropriately given to this branch is in honor of Jean Baptiste de Richardville, Chief of the Miami Indians, to whom the Government ceded a large tract of land which included this southwestern section of the city.

The other new branch bears the name of Tecumseh and is located at the State Boule-

vard and California Ave. This branch was opened January 17th, 1927.

The name of the south side branch has been changed to Shawnee and the north side branch to Little Turtle. The Pontiac branch will retain its former name. The naming of these branches after Indians who played a part in early Ft. Wayne history is particularly fitting.

This year the Ft. Wayne Children's department had a very unique display during Children's book week. As usual, there was the display of new children's books as Christmas gift suggestions, but besides this there was a display of everything that had to do with a BOOK. There was the Making of a book, different bindings, posters and lists about books from the public schools, The Children's Own Books from their home libraries, a large collection of old books, and several groups of dolls dressed to represent different periods in literature. One group of dolls, donated by the Central high school English department, was dressed to represent the characters from *Ivanhoe*. Another group depicted the Tournament from *Ivanhoe*. A third group, designed and dressed by the South Side high school art department, portrayed four dramatic episodes in the life of Cinderella. As a final attraction there were several letters to the Ft. Wayne children from their own authors, such as A. H. Milne, Sarah Addington and Thornton Burgess, and pictures of several juvenile authors such as David Putnam, Christopher Robin and Derrick Nushima. It was a very successful display and was held open for two weeks because of the interest shown by the children and their parents.

Franklin. The public library received by bequest the private library of the late Columbus Horatio Hall.

French Lick. More than six hundred volumes were added to the shelves of the public library in December, the gift of Dr. Dunning S. Wilson. The collection is made

up of biographies, fiction, scientific books, encyclopedias and other worth while books.

Gary. Contracts have been awarded for the erection of the Tolleston branch library at a cost of \$30,000. Joseph L. Wildermuth of Gary is the architect. Tolleston was an old Lake county town absorbed by Gary in 1910 and the first branch library in Gary was opened there in the former town hall. For a number of years the branch has been in rented store buildings.

Hammond. Postal officials used branch libraries as distributing centers for parcel post mail during the holiday rush.

Hartland. Construction of Hartland's new \$25,000 public library was started December 1st on the public school grounds. The funds for the building were left in the will of the late J. B. Crouse of Cleveland, Ohio.

Huntingburg. The library board has acquired a site for a building at the corner of Fifth and Jackson streets.

Indianapolis. Owing to reductions in budget and levy the public library of Indianapolis will postpone plans for a much needed branch library building, a building site for another branch, a new branch in rental quarters in Broad Ripple, and interior repairs of five old branch buildings. Also the Monday Night Book Talks have been postponed for another year.

It seemed altogether fitting that her Majesty, Queen Marie of Roumania, should be officially received by the city of Indianapolis at the public library. Hoosier Indiana preferred to pay special tribute to the Queen as an author and the presentation of two of Riley's books of verses autographed by Indiana authors formed part of the short but impressive ceremony. Many younger readers had the rare treat of witnessing a story book queen "come to life," and true to the traditions of the fairy tales, she was a most beautiful and gracious person, clothed in gold. To prove

to the children that she was a real-for-sure person, she signed her name in that fascinating book which she had written for them, "*The story of naughty Kildeen.*" Having been paid a visit by Her Majesty, there is no dream too good to come true—for children at the library.

The annual Christmas party of the Indianapolis public library staff was held in the Cropsey Auditorium on December 21. Several clever surprise stunts were performed by various members of the staff. Instead of the usual "grab bag" gifts a sum amounting to almost \$25 was given by the staff for purchase of books for the hospital library.

An interesting exhibit of early American glass loaned by Mrs. L. H. Levey was on display in the Art department of the Indianapolis public library during the month of December.

During the month of January there was an unusual exhibit of shells in the Children's room of the Indianapolis public library. This exhibit was loaned by the Grassyforks Fisheries of Martinsville.

Early in November a tea was given by the Teachers' Room of the Indianapolis public library for new teachers. This seemed to be a very satisfactory way of introducing the resources of the library.

The first meeting of the annual series of staff meetings of the Indianapolis public library, which are held the second Monday morning of each month, was held on November 8th at which time Miss Vera Morgan talked on the subject "Around the world." Walter S. Greenough, author of "*Three Skallywags*" talked at the December meeting on "The writing game."

A new hospital library has been established in the Methodist Hospital by the public library, the hospital furnishing book trucks and shelving.

Muncie. One of the chief features of Book Week at the Muncie public library was the presentation of a play, "The trial on book hill." A teacher of one of the

grade schools and her pupils prepared it and presented it in the children's room. The thought emphasized was the care of books. Thoughtless children, guilty of abusing books, are captured by Policeman Goops and brought before the King and Queen of Book Hill for punishment. Names of favorite books were brought out by placards worn by the children but not by special costumes. It pleased a large audience and focused the interest of the week among a number of the usual activities.

An item of interest in children's work is the instruction in the use of the library which is being given by Miss Weimer. A seventh grade class from the Washington school comes once a week for instruction in the use of the catalog and simple reference books. This plan was successfully tried with an eighth grade from the same school last year. The very hearty cooperation on the part of the principal and the teacher has been one very large factor in the success of the work. The work is required and credit is given for the problems which the children are assigned. One of the teachers always accompanies the group and this relieves the librarian of any problem of discipline. The teachers who have come have been interested and seem to think it a privilege to hear the instruction.

A fund raised by friends of the late John W. Rhodes, for many years art instructor in the schools, has been given to the public library. Art books will be purchased annually with the proceeds from the fund and suitably marked with a special bookplate in memory of Mr. Rhodes.

Nappanee. The 1926 graduating class in the Nappanee high school made the public library a gift of \$112.50 for the building fund. Certainly a token of commendable public spirit.

North Manchester. The new library of Manchester College was opened Dec. 10. Addresses were made by Henry Noble Sherwood, Superintendent of public instruction and his successor elect Charles F. Miller.

Mrs. Sadie Wampler read a paper on the history of the book. Otto Winger, president of the college gave a history of the library, going back to the days when under the United Brethren it was the private library of the president. Through gifts and purchases it has grown to 16,000 volumes and 6,000 pamphlets.

Princeton. New shelving for 3,000 volumes has been added to the public library and new lighting installed.

Richmond. The Woman's auxiliary of Denver Brown camp, No. 20, United Spanish-American War Veterans, presented a beautiful American flag to the Morrison-Reeves library November 20th with appropriate ceremonies.

Sheridan. The public library was obliged to close for several days because of the breakdown of the furnace in November.

South Bend. "News from the Tribune, fifty years ago" appears daily in the South Bend Tribune. A recent note on the public library reported that the first six months of 1876 showed 542 readers and a circulation of 4,117 with 1,400 books on the shelves. In contrast December, 1926, circulations was 35,000 with nearly 25,000 persons registered.

South Whitley. A new room 16 by 30 feet has been added to the South Whitley-

Cleveland township library. Repairs and new furniture, together with a drinking fountain, the gift of the Girl Scouts, add to the beauty and convenience of the interior. The improvements cost \$650. This library with 1,200 readers has grown to over 6,500 volumes in twelve years.

Tipton. December ninth was the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the Tipton public library and the Tipton Tribune of that date carries an illustrated three column account of the history of the library. Suitable tribute is paid to Mrs. Sam Matthews who was the moving spirit in establishing the library and has been on the Board throughout as well as librarian. The \$13,000 Carnegie building was opened early in 1903.

West Lafayette. The public library has been moved from the small quarters, occupied since it was formed, in the upper story of the former city hall, to the spacious downstairs rooms which have been remodeled for the purpose. The old room will be used for reference and reading.

Wolcott. Judge B. F. Carr has appointed members of the library board. The library has been established some time but has been operating on donations and gifts. Provision will now be made in the tax levy of the township and thus a permanent basis obtained for the library.

